

City Council of the Mayor and Council of New Castle
Public Hearings at Town Hall – 201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Tuesday – May 8, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Council President William Barthel
Councilperson John Cochran

Councilperson John Gaworski
Councilperson Ted Megginson

Not present: Councilperson Teel Petty

Also present: Treasurer Janet Carlin, City Administrator Cathryn Thomas

A public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 488, which proposes to amend and restate Chapter 177 relating to Peddling and Solicitation, of the New Castle City Code.

President Barthel opened the public hearing.

Administrator Thomas explained some areas of the existing ordinance are not as compliant as they should be with the U.S. Constitution and there are some updates that should be made. She has been working with Solicitor Losco on this. He took some samples of other ordinances and tweaked it for New Castle. The proposed ordinance, if adopted, also would have protections for homeowners.

Councilperson Teel Petty arrived at 6:39 pm.

The public hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m.

A public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 489, a proposal to amend Chapter 230-46 relating to Subdivisions and reimbursement to the City for professional fees for plan reviews, of the New Castle City Code.

President Barthel opened the public hearing.

Administrator Thomas explained this proposal does not reflect a big change. The current code does not have the City Engineer in it. Also the changes would tighten up the language. It would also notify the applicant upfront about what charges for which they would be liable.

President Barthel asked how much the City is losing out on in terms of reimbursements.

Administrator Thomas said the City has not been losing out on much because of the limited number of projects coming forward recently.

Councilperson Gaworski made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Councilperson Cochran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

The hearing adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dickinson, New Castle City Clerk